

Evacuation Scenario

It is an extremely cold Wednesday night in February where the temperature is 12 degrees below 0 and a wind chill factor of 45 degrees below 0.

You have a frozen water pipe in the ceiling of the resident's quarters that has ruptured and water is dropping from multiple locations. Maintenance has been called and when they get there they have a tough time finding the leak and decide to shut off the main supply. In the mean time you have to move the residents that are affected to a safe place within the structure. Space for those that have to be moved is limited along with electrical outlets they need for their life sustaining devices.

1. With the welfare of the residents being your first concern, using your own facility as an example, what would you feel should be your first action to maintain the care of the residents?
2. When would you call other staff to assist your current staffing?
3. When would you notify management of the situation?
4. Would you contact other agencies for assistance? Which ones?
5. Do you have an agreement with another facility that could take some of your residents?
6. Are you prepared to deal with an evacuation under these extreme cold conditions?
7. Would you be contacting the resident's family?
8. Any other thoughts you may wish to share?